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IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video program or character information of programs, comprising:

a receiver provided in the digital receiver, which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received video program;

an information decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller provided in the digital receiver, to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

an omission display controller provided in the digital receiver, which compares whether a number of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a number of characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative of a prescribed time period, and which omits a part of a character information extracted from the program information when a-the number of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a-the number of characters which can be displayed in a-the first prescribed zone indicative of a-the prescribed time period attached to a last tail part of the menu;

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a full display controller provided in the digital receiver, to control display of, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter provided in the digital receiver, which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller.

13. (Currently Amended) A digital receiver according to Claim 12, comprising:

a multiplexer provided in the digital receiver, which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

14. (Previously Presented) A digital receiver according to Claim 12, wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

15. (Currently Amended) A digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video program or character information of programs, comprising:

a receiver provided in the digital receiver, which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received video program;

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an information decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller provided in the digital receiver, to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

an omission display controller provided in the digital receiver, which compares whether a data amount of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a data amount of characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative of a prescribed time period, and which omits a part of a character information extracted from the program information when a-the data amount of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a-the data amount of characters in the characters which can be displayed in a the first prescribed zone indicative of a-the prescribed time period;

a full display controller provided in the digital receiver, to control display of, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter provided in the digital receiver, which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller.

16. (Previously Presented) A digital receiver according to Claim 15, wherein the omission display controller has a comparator to compare the decoded character data amount with data amount which can be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

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17. (Currently Amended) A digital receiver according to Claim 15, comprising:
a multiplexer provided in the digital receiver, which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.
18. (Previously Presented) A digital receiver according to Claim 15, wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.
19. (Currently Amended) A digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video or a plurality of background information blocks each indicative of a program time period, comprising:
a receiver provided in the digital receiver, which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;
a video decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received video program;
an information decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received program information;
a menu-grid display controller provided in the digital receiver, to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;
a display change controller provided in the digital receiver, which changes a displayed shape of a particular background information block indicative of a program

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time period in the grid when the program time period indicated by the particular background information block exceeds a program time period which is displayed in a first prescribed zone;

a full display controller provided in the digital receiver, to control display, in a second perscribed zone, of a program start time and a program end time of a program of a selected background information block whose background information block is changed in shape in the first prescribed zone by the display change controller, wherein the full display controller controlling display of the program start time and program end time to occur concurrently together with the selected background information block on a same display whenever the selected background information block is selected; and

an outputter provided in the digital receiver, which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the display change controller and the full display controller.

20. (Previously Presented) A digital receiver according to Claim 19, wherein the display change controller has a comparator to compare the time information of a program with a time band to be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

21. (Currently Amended) A digital receiver according to Claim 19, comprising:

a multiplexer provided in the digital receiver, which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

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22. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video program or character information of programs, including:

a receiver provided in the digital receiver, which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received video program;

an Information decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller provided in the digital receiver, to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

an omission display controller provided in the digital receiver,
which compares whether a number of characters in the character
information of the particular program is larger than a number of
characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative
of a prescribed time period, and which omits a part of a character
information extracted from the program information when a-the number
of characters in the character information of the particular program is
larger than a-the number of characters which can be displayed in a-the
first prescribed zone indicative of a-the prescribed time period attached
to a last tail part of the menu;

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a full display controller provided in the digital receiver, to control display of, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter provided in the digital receiver, which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller; and, a television display unit to receive an output from the video decoder and outputter to display the at least one of video program or character information of programs.

23. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 22, comprising:
a multiplexer provided in the digital receiver, which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

24. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 22,
wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

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25. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video program or character information of programs, including:
a receiver provided in the digital receiver, which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;
a video decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received video program;
an information decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received program information;
a menu-grid display controller provided in the digital receiver, to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;
an omission display controller provided in the digital receiver, which compares whether a data amount of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a data amount of characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative of a prescribed time period, and which omits a part of a character information extracted from the program information when a-the data amount of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a-the data amount of characters in the characters which can be displayed in a-the first prescribed zone indicative of a-the prescribed time period;

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a full display controller provided in the digital receiver, to control display of, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter provided in the digital receiver, which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller; and,

a television display unit provided in the digital receiver, to receive an output from the video decoder and outputter to display the at least one of video program or character information of programs.

26. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 25, wherein the omission display controller has a comparator to compare the decoded character data amount with data amount which can be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

27. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 25, comprising:
a multiplexer provided in the digital receiver, which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

28. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 25, wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

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29. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video or a plurality of background information blocks each indicative of a program time period, including:

a receiver provided in the digital receiver, which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received video program;

an information decoder provided in the digital receiver, which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller provided in the digital receiver, to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

a display change controller provided in the digital receiver, which changes a displayed shape of a particular background information block indicative of a program time period in the grid when the program time period indicated by the particular background information block exceeds a program time period which is displayed in a first prescribed zone;

a full display controller provided in the digital receiver, to control display, in a second prescribed zone, of a program start time and a program end time of a program of a selected particular background information block whose background information block is changed in

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shape in the first prescribed zone by the display change controller,
wherein the full display controller controlling display of the program
start time and program end time to occur concurrently together with the
selected particular background information block on a same display
whenever the selected particular background information block is
selected;

an outputter provided in the digital receiver, which outputs the
character information generated by the menu-grid display controller,
the display change controller and the full display controller; and,
a television display unit provided in the digital receiver, to receive an output
from the video decoder and outputter to display the at least one of video program or
character information of programs.

30. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 29, wherein the
display change controller has a comparator to compare the time information of a
program with a time band to be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

31. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 29, comprising;
a multiplexer provided in the digital receiver, which multiplexes the decoded
video program and the character information of programs.